



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and welcome to Year 4! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for the exciting year ahead. I am really looking forward to having the class again, even if it is for a short period of time and know that Mrs Stevens and Mrs Macklin are keen to get started too! The children have already made a fantastic start and settled well into their new classroom and routines.

Staff in Year 4

This year, as you are already aware, I will be teaching Year 4 until I head off on my maternity leave on Friday 26th September, when Mrs Stevens and Mrs Macklin will take over from Monday 29th September. Mrs Stevens will teach the class on a Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Macklin on a Thursday and Friday. We will be joined in the mornings by Mrs Hopkin as our Teaching Assistant. My PPA time will be covered by Mr Allen this half-term when the children head off to Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon. After half-term, Mrs Stevens' PPA will be covered by the sports coach and assembly time on a Tuesday afternoon as well.

Topic

In Autumn 1, our Geography topic will be '**How are parts of the United Kingdom connected?**' Within this topic, your child will learn about where the UK is in relation to the Tropics, what the difference is between political and physical maps and what the significant features are in the UK. They will also discover how to use 6-figure grid references to locate places in the UK and discuss how the UK is connected by transport networks. Finally, your child will learn how natural resources are used to keep the UK running. In Autumn 2, we will have a History topic, answering '**Who were the Vikings?**'. Within this topic, your child will learn when and where the first Viking raids took place, how the Anglo Saxons resisted the Vikings and discover what everyday life was like for the Vikings. They will also look at artefacts and sources to find out how we know about the Vikings and will study what Danelaw was and how England became a unified country. Finally, they will learn what happened as a result of the Norman invasion.



In Science, we will look at '**Teeth and Digestion**' in the first half-term. Within this topic, we will look at the different types of human teeth and how to look after them. Your child will also discover how animal's teeth are all different and learn about the digestive system. In Autumn 2, we will look at '**States of Matter**'. Your child will learn about the different states of matter and the processes that cause these. They will look at what a melting point is and study the water cycle in depth. Throughout their science lessons, children will take part in investigations where they will ask scientific questions, make predictions, gather data and evaluate their findings to answer their questions.

Things to Remember

In Year 4, all of the equipment that the children need will be provided in school so we kindly ask that children do not bring in any other personal items or toys from home. Children should bring in their book bag, water bottle and lunch box. Please avoid bringing in rucksacks as there is not enough space in the classroom for these. Water bottles should be brought in for use throughout the day. Please make sure these are filled with water and clearly labelled. Also, please can clothing be labelled to reduce the chances of items getting lost.

PE Days

Class 4's PE day will be on a Tuesday this half-term and the children will attend Forest School on a Tuesday. Please can children come in their PE kits and make sure all items are clearly labelled. For Forest School, children should come in the PE kit uniform but with long trousers to avoid getting stung by things in the woods. Autumn 2's PE days will be confirmed at a later date.

Reading Books

Your child has now chosen their reading book matched with the correct book band for their current level. As mentioned in an email sent out last week, these are based on their end of year data. Children are expected to read a minimum of three times a week for at least 10 minutes. Please record these in their reading diary. Children will be allowed time to change their reading books throughout the week and this will be recorded in school to track their engagement.

Homework

Following on from last year, children will continue to receive a half-termly homework grid which contains tasks for Reading, Maths, Spellings and Curriculum. Please see the separate grid attached. Spellings look slightly different this year as we are asking you to practise one spelling rule a week, based on what we are teaching in school, and then learn some statutory spellings, which do not follow any rules. There will not be a formal test for these but we encourage you to practise these at home to support your child's spelling knowledge. Log in details for Times Table Rock Stars and Doodle Maths will be sent out this week, along with the knowledge organiser for our Geography topic.

Values

This term we will be focusing on showing RESPECT in the first half term and on demonstrating KINDNESS in the second half term. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us in school.

Best wishes,

Mrs McRobie, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Macklin

